Traffic jams in Delhi during rains

2244. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that whenever there is rain in Delhi the Traffic jams are imminent;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps Government are taking for its remedy;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the staff of MCD is not working upto the mark due to which sewage system is not working properly during the rain; and

(e) whether Government have any plans to hire lower level employees privately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (c) The Delhi Traffic Police authorities have observed that flow of traffic is disrupted during heavy rains in certain stretches of roads. The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has stated that appropriate measures are taken to avoid storm water stagnation during rains. The MCD has desilted 1296 big drains, identified 135 low lying areas prone to flooding during heavy rains and operated 96 permanent pumping stations. It has also deployed 428 electric pump sets, 176 diesel pump sets, 43 diesel generator sets and 55 D.G. Sets on hire basis for de-watering of stagnant water from low lying areas prone to flooding during heavy rains.

(d) MCD has indicated that the sewage system is under the maintenance of the Delhi Jal Board.

(e) Does not arise in view of the above.

Group Housing Societies

2245. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Notification was issued by the Lt. Governor of Delhi for regularizing the Group Housing/Housing Co-operative Society without holding elections during the last three years;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any action plan of the Notification has been checked out by the Registrar of Delhi Co-operative Society for holding of elections by these Societies and for any programme and as such and most particularly South Delhi; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (d) The Registrar of Cooperative Societies (RCS), Government of NCT of Delhi (GNCTD) has informed that *vide* Notification dated 24.5.2006, issued with the approval of Lt. Governor of Delhi, the date of holding of elections of members of the Managing Committees in the Cooperative Societies has been extended upto 31.12.2006 and the elections conducted in respect of Cooperative Societies after 28th February, 2006 by the Returning Officers appointed by Government of NCT of Delhi have been regularized.

The RCS has further informed that out of the 2023 Group Housing/ Housing Societies registered with them under the DCS Act, 1973, elections have already been held in 315 Housing Societies. The election process in the case of 745 Housing Societies has been withheld either due to stay by the Court or for cancellation of their registration certificate while the CBI has taken up investigation in respect of 151 Housing Societies. Hence elections are required to be held before 31.12.2006 in the remaining 812 Group Housing/Housing Societies.

Beautification of Brahmaputra under JNNURM

2246. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Assam have submitted a project proposal for beautification of Brahmaputra River Front in Guwahati under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission;

(b) if so, the details and cost of the project thereof; and

(c) Government's response and decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.